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## Tradition Remains Top Barley Variety in North Dakota

Tradition is the top barley variety in North Dakota in 2012 for the seventh straight year. Tradition accounts for 47.0 percent of the 1,140,000 acres compared with 53.3 percent in 2011 and 42.0 percent in 2010. Lacey is the second most popular variety with 20.2 percent of the total acres planted. Robust is the third most popular with 5.8 percent of the total acres planted. Celebration ranks fourth in 2012 with 4.9 percent of the total acres planted. Conlon is the fifth most popular variety in 2012 with 4.6 percent of the total acres planted. These five barley varieties account for 82.5 percent of this year's barley acres in North Dakota.

Haybet, representing 2.1 percent of the total acres planted, is the top feed barley for the tenth consecutive year and ranks seventh overall. Innovation and Hays rank tenth and eleventh, respectively with 0.9 and 0.4 percent of the total acres planted.

After having the third most barley acreage planted in 2011, North Dakota again ranks first in 2012, accounting for 31 percent of the nation's 3.68 million acres planted. Acreage planted in North Dakota for 2012 is 1.14 million acres, up significantly from last year's record low.

The data in this report are based on a survey of barley producers conducted during June by the North Dakota Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. **Thank you to each person who supplied data and made this report possible!** Results include acreage and percentages at the State and Agricultural District levels.

Access this complete report at:  
[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/North\\_Dakota/Publications/Crop\\_Varieties/rel/brvr12rel.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/North_Dakota/Publications/Crop_Varieties/rel/brvr12rel.pdf)

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